THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) There is no proposal at present with the ASI to prepare a heritage map of the country.

(c) The National Mission when launched would prepare a National Register of Monuments and Antiquities with all locational details. Besides, the Mission also seeks to build data banks at regional levels, take up programmes for increasing awareness and planned conservation of selected monuments.

(d) All protected and unprotected monuments are proposed to be covered under the National Mission for the purpose of documentation. It is envisaged that the documentation would be from secondary sources.

Restoration of temples and heritage sites

1961. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the ASI that Restoration of Muzarai controlled temples and heritage sites in Karnataka has not been commenced due to the non-availability of expected funds;

(b) the number of such sites identified across the State under this project and the estimated cost, thereof;

(c) the reasons for delay in releasing the funds; and

(d) whether it has been decided to go ahead with the project in collaboration with leading NGO, Daharmastala, Dharmasamsthana Pratishtana?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Government of Karnataka has informed that the State Department of Archaeology is carrying out conservation and restoration of monuments including the protected temples under the control of Muzarai department subject to availability of budgetary allocation. The Archaeology department has evolved a public-private partnership scheme since 2002-03 for conservation and restoration of temples in the State including Muzarai controlled temples.

(b) 13 temples under the control of Muzarai department have been identified under this project. The department of State archaeology would be releasing Rs. 40 lakhs during 2005-2006 under this programe.

(c) As informed by the State Government there is no delay in releasing the funds.

(d) Yes, Sir. Muzarai Department has decided to go ahead with the project with Daharmastala, Dharmasamasthana Pratishtana in accordance with the order dated 12.7.2004 issued by the Karnataka Government.

Funds for ancient and historical buildings

1962. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Twelfth Finance Commission have allocated any funds for upkeep of several ancient and historical buildings in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government of Maharashtra and Punjab have submitted any action plan to Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the amount Government have sanctioned/released to each State mentioned above so far during 2005-06 for conservation and protected monuments, till date?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Twelfth Finance Commission has recommended allocation of Rs. 625 crores among various States for heritage conservation i.e. preservation and protection of historical monuments, archaeological sites, public libraries, museums and archives convering the period between 2005-06 and 2009-10.

The Archaeological Survey of India does not get any allocation from the Finance Commission.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Out of the budget allocation to Archaeological Survey of India (Ministry of Culture) for conservation of ancient monuments in 2005-06, ASI has allocated Rs. 757 lac in the State of Maharashtra and Rs. 111.14 lac in the State of Punjab for conservation of Centrally protected monuments.

Heritage sites in Rajasthan under ASI

1963. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of national heritage sites in Rajasthan, under the ASI;

(b) which out of these sites, are being encroached upon or having a risk of their encroachment;

(c) the steps being taken to preserve them;